

**DECLARATION**

I, Thomas Isell, hereby declare as follows:

Since 1982, I have been employed by Robert Bosch GmbH.

I hold the title as Project Leader.

I am an engineer holding a Bachelor of Science degree.

I am one of the inventors of the subject matter of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/235,531 for a hand guided drilling or percussion machine.

I am familiar with the subject matter of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/235,531.

I am also familiar with the operation of the locking feature of impact drills manufactured and offered for sale by my employer, Robert Bosch GmbH and known generally as the AUTOLOCK feature.

The AUTOLOCK feature represents an improvement in the locking of drill bits in an impact drill which renders the AUTOLOCK feature advantageous with respect to use upon an impact drill notwithstanding the force to be absorbed within an impact drill due to its percussion activity.

I have carefully compared the invention as shown in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/235,531 with the operation of the AUTOLOCK feature of the Robert Bosch GmbH impact drill as referred to in the Declaration of Dr. Christian Heine and the exhibits attached thereto. In my opinion, it is clear that the AUTOLOCK feature of the Robert Bosch GmbH impact drill is the same as the invention disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/235,531.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 4.9.02

  
THOMAS ISELL